

## **NEW PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MELAGATRAN**

### **ABSTRACT**

There is provided a process for the production of melagatran, Formula (I) *ex vivo*, which process comprises the hydrolysis of a compound of Formula II, wherein R is C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or a benzylic group, to form, in substantially salt-free form, an intermediate compound of formula II followed by reduction of that intermediate.